

South Worcestershire Joint Site Allocations & Policies Development Plan Document

Questionnaire for South Worcestershire Villages

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This questionnaire relates to the information gathering exercise which will be carried out across South Worcestershire. We have divided the exercise into two phases. The first took place during the autumn of 2009 for Worcester, Evesham, Malvern, Droitwich Spa, Tenbury Wells, Upton upon Severn and Pershore. This second phase is taking place from the beginning of 2010, for the villages and rural areas.

This questionnaire is divided into three parts.

Part one is about you which is aimed at ensuring that we can check that we have received responses from a wide a variety of people.

Part two relates to **possible sites** for development upon which we would like to receive your views on the form of possible development (e.g. housing, employment, community facilities, open space), and/or for you to suggest other sites which you consider may be suitable.

Part three relates to **key local issues** which we think need addressing - but you may have other views?

A leaflet has been prepared to help you complete the questionnaire, available from the address on the back of this form or alternatively all the information is available online at www.swjcs.org. Copies are also available in Customer Service Centres and local libraries.

Thank you for taking time to be involved in this information gathering exercise. The information we gather will help in identifying sites for development in South Worcestershire and drafting local policies for the control of development in South Worcestershire.

Although this is part of an on-going debate with the public and other consultees, we would appreciate it if the questionnaires could be returned by **Friday 30th April 2010**.

Part 1. About you

1. Where do you live?

Road/street:

City/town/village:

Post code:

2. Gender

(please tick one answer)

Male Female

The answer to this question will never be displayed to the public

3. Age

(please tick one answer)

0-9 years

10-14 years

15-19 years

20-29 years

30-59 years

60-64 years

65-74 years

75+

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4. Ethnic Origin

(please tick one answer)

White

Black or Black British

Asian or Asian British

Mixed

Chinese

Other

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Other

5. Please can you tell us if you you are:

(please tick all that apply)

Disabled

In full time education

Employed

Unemployed

Retired

Other (please specify)

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Other

Part 2. Possible Sites

Please refer to the maps for the relevant village in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) that is available to view on www.swjcs.org, or you can view hard copies at libraries or at the exhibitions.

Please tell us whether you consider a site to be suitable for development, for what type of development and why? If you have any further comments or information relating to that site please provide it in the comments section. **You can do this for as many sites as you wish by submitting separate forms, but please ensure you insert the site reference number for each site, or a clear site address.**

6. Name of village

6a. Site name/address/description (or reference - available on maps in Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and/or at a village exhibition)

6b. Do you consider this site suitable for development?

(please tick one answer)

Yes

No

6c. If YES, do you consider the site suitable for:

(please tick all that apply)

	Yes	No
Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community/Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed uses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If mixed uses, which uses?

6d. Why do you think this site is, or is not, suitable for development?

6e. Do you think there are any other sites not identified/included which should be considered? Please provide details (e.g. address details/location map); indicate for what use(s); and give your reasons.

6f. Any other comments?

Part 3. Possible policy areas

We do not need to repeat planning policies that are already set out at national (e.g. Planning Policy Statements) or regional level (i.e. West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy), or in the emerging South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy. Outlined below are some local topic areas that we think are NOT covered elsewhere.

Protection and provision of green space

Currently there are open spaces within the villages that are protected from development. The principle is covered in national, regional planning policies and the Joint Core Strategy policies but we do need to define the areas we wish to protect from development and identify sites of local wildlife/geodiversity importance.

7a. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Standards for open space and recreation

The need for open space is well established and its benefits in terms of health, exercise and environment is well documented. We need standards to give clear guidance to developers as to what open space and recreation facilities need to be provided.

7b. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Protecting buildings of local interest

These are those buildings which are not nationally significant enough to be listed, but are important to our local heritage. We consider that these need protection.

7c. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Protection and promotion of shops and facilities

Rural shops and community facilities are important for our daily needs; these areas may have to be defined and criteria established to protect and promote them.

7d. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

A vibrant tourist economy

The tourist economy is important in South Worcestershire and we need policies relating to sites for visitor accommodation such as hotels, bed and breakfasts, caravan sites and cultural activities.

7e. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Protection and promotion of rural employment sites

Our rural employment sites are coming under considerable pressure for more profitable uses. We consider local jobs, locally provided are important and we need to establish those employment areas that should be protected.

7f. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Marinas, moorings and boating facilities

In some areas boating is an important aspect of South Worcestershire life. We need policies to make sure boating facilities are in the right locations.

7g. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Education, health, sports and leisure

These facilities are important to a sustainable community to provide key facilities locally. We need to safeguard sites for our schools, community, health and leisure facilities.

7h. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Land for Gypsies and Travellers

The evidence identifies a need for a number of further sites in South Worcestershire. We need to establish their location and size. Any suggestions of where these sites may go are welcome.

7j. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Local infrastructure

We need to look at infrastructure that is important to the local area e.g. local transport, local community facilities etc.

7k. What do you consider is needed or requires improvement?

7i Settlement Boundaries

Current Local plans in South Worcestershire identify settlement boundaries around towns and selected villages. The purpose is to set out where particular policies apply, in terms of allowing/ discouraging development within the defined boundary. Is the existing settlement boundary for the village appropriate? (Details of existing settlement boundaries can be found in the adopted Local Plan, available on the Council website).

Should it be changed?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment

What part of the boundary should be changed?

Other issues

7m. Are there any other planning issues that you think need to be considered?

4. Information for database

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. If you would like to be added to our database to be kept informed of future consultations, please fill out your name and email address below.

Data Protection and Freedom of Information

We need your permission to hold all your details (name, address, email, telephone number) and any consultation responses on our database.

This information is collected by Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Wychavon District Councils as data controller in accordance with the data protection principles in the Data Protection Act 1998. The purposes for collecting this data are to assist in the preparation of a Local Development Framework, to send you information on the process and to compile reports of responses for decision-making purposes.

For the above reasons public disclosure may be required of any data received from you by the 3 local authorities in consultation responses in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In agreeing to the holding of your information you are giving permission for your details, held on the database, to be shared between the 3 local authorities. If you have any concerns or queries relating to this process please contact 01905 722233.

I agree that my contact details and any related responses can be held by the Planning Service Departments of the 3 local authorities and I understand that they will only be used in relation to the planning process as required by the Planning and Compulsory Act 2004.

This information will be kept on the database until the adoption of the joint Local Development Framework documents in 2012.

Please tick the box

Name:

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Please write your postal address here:

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